

Dear Council members,

I am a life long resident of Silver Spring and I SUPPORT the implementation of the Emergency Medical Services Transport Fee. Similar charges are imposed by many fire and rescue departments in our area and across the nation. The revenue generated by these fees would allow county fire and rescue resources to catch up with the explosive growth experienced by the county in recent years. Growth that has the current system strained. This funding could allow for the construction of needed facilities, the purchase of better apparatus and equipment, the hiring of additional firefighters to staff those resources, and many other things that would improve the overall service rendered to our citizens. You live here too. I hope you will VOTE FOR Bill 25-08.

Thank you.

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